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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord God, the center of joy, thank You for the privilege of prayer. In a world filled with change and decay, Lord, we are grateful that we can always call to You, the changeless one. Today we ask You to guide our lawmakers. Shine the light of Your wisdom and truth upon their path. Give them patience to wait for Your clear guidance and courage to follow where You lead. Remove pride from their hearts and replace it with a spirit of humility and unity. We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
President pro tempore,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. COONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the votes scheduled at 5:30 be as follows, and that the remainder of the consent remain in effect: Calendar No. 6 would be first; Calendar No. 3 would be second.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks there be a period of morning business until 3 p.m. At 3 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration bill. There will be a short recess around 4:20 p.m. in order to welcome the Prime Minister of Slovenia to the Senate floor. At 4:30 the Senate will turn to executive session to debate concurrently three district court nominations. Those nominations are Paul Holmes of Arkansas, Diana Saldana of Texas, and Marco Hernandez of Oregon. At 5:30 there will be two rollcall votes on confirmation of the Saldana and Holmes nominations in the order that was just entered.

100TH BIRTHDAY OF RONALD REAGAN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Ronald Reagan's second inauguration was the first one I attended as a Member of Congress. It was bitterly cold that day. While the temperatures sank into the single digits, Reagan became the first and only President to take the oath of office in the Capitol Rotunda.

He said in an indoor inaugural address:

History is a ribbon, always unfurling. History is a journey. And as we continue our journey, we think of those that traveled before us.

Yesterday would have been President Reagan's 100th birthday. Today, we think of President Reagan and how he steered America's travels through history's journey. I first met President Reagan when he was Governor of California. I was the Lieutenant Governor of Nevada. We met in Heavenly Valley, on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, to watch the first annual "hot-dogging" skiing championship. As I said, I first

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